

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-44 (Cancelled).

Claim 45 (Previously presented): A composition comprising one or more restriction endonucleases and one or more polymerase inhibitors, wherein said one or more polymerase inhibitors are selected from the group consisting of: an antibiotic, a heavy metal, an acid, a nucleotide analogue, an anionic detergent, a polyanion, captan ((N-[trichloromethyl]-thio)-4-cyclohexene-1,2-dicarboximide), an acidic polysaccharide, a binding protein or peptide, and combinations thereof; wherein said composition does not contain any nucleic acid molecules.

Claims 46-48 (Cancelled).

Claim 49 (Original): The composition of claim 45, wherein said restriction endonucleases and/or polymerase inhibitors are stable upon storage.

Claims 50 and 51 (Cancelled).

Claim 52 (Original): The composition of claim 45, further comprising one or more buffers.

Claim 53 (Previously presented): A composition comprising one or more restriction endonucleases and one or more polymerase inhibitors, wherein said one or more polymerase inhibitors are one or more antibodies or fragments thereof, and wherein said composition does not contain any nucleic acid molecules.

Claim 54 (Previously presented): The composition of claim 53, wherein said one or more antibodies are selected from the group consisting of anti-*Taq* antibodies, anti-*Tma* antibodies, anti-*Pfu* antibodies and fragments thereof.

Claim 55 (Previously presented): The composition of claim 53, wherein said composition is stable upon storage.

Claim 56 (Previously presented): The composition of claim 53, further comprising one or more buffers.

Claims 57-92 (Cancelled).